# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
# LOK SABHA

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Funds under NRDWP
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether population is the main criteria for granting funds under National Rural Drinking Water Programme and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to make any changes in the said criteria and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the number of villages/habitations covered under this Programme in
Assam?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) guidelines, funds are allocated to States / UTs as per following pre-approved criteria:

| S. No. | Criteria | Weightage (in %) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rural population | 40 |
| 2. | Rural SC and ST population | 10 |
| 3. | States under Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Hill Areas Development Programme (HADP), and special category Hill States in terms of rural areas | 40 |
| 4. | Rural population managing rural drinking water supply schemes weighted by a Management Devolution Index | 10 |
| | Total | 100 |

From the above it is seen that population constitutes major criteria for allocation of funds under NRDWP.

(b) For making NRDWP more sustainable and competitive, Government is consulting the State Governments and other stakeholders for its restructuring.

(c) This Ministry maintains data in terms of habitations and not in terms of village. As reported by the State in the website of the Ministry, as on 27.03.2017, there are 88,099 habitations in Assam. Out of this, 53,758 habitations are Fully Covered (i.e. getting more than 40 litres per capita per day safe drinking water) 24,593 habitations are Partially Covered (i.e. getting less than 40 litres per capita per day safe drinking water) and 9,748 habitations are Quality Affected (i.e. contaminated with at least one chemical contaminant).